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"It's funny. All you have to do is say something nobody understands and they'll do practically anything you want them to."

— J.D. Salinger, *The Catcher in The Rye*

I read the news today,
Oh boy,
About the man in
the Red hat—
That damned deer
stalking cap,
with a pistol in his hand
and a paper *Rye* sandwich
in his pocket
made by *his* Salinger;
the Salinger—
recluse as he was,
moved a man to
bullets in another's back.
Bullets in back.
Paperback in jacket pocket—
He knew what he'd done
as the blood stained glasses
were taken off in one final gesture—
Laid on the sidewalk
to forever look back
towards Liverpool.
He had looked up and noticed he was late.
He had looked up and noticed.